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GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Wichita, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that eight individuals were indicted on May 5, 2004, by a federal grand jury in Wichita, Kansas. Those indicted include:

- **Robert Allen Russell**, 39, Wichita, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of bank robbery of the Twin Lakes National Bank, 2700 West 13th Street North, Wichita, Kansas, of an undisclosed amount of cash on April 8, 2004; one count of carrying a revolver during the bank robbery on April 8, 2004; one count of attempted robbery of a controlled substance, Oxycontin, from Walgreens, 710 North West Street, Wichita, Kansas, on March 9, 2004; and one count of attempted robbery of a controlled substance, Oxycontin, from The Medicine Shoppe, 2012 N. Amidon, Wichita, Kansas, on March 9, 2004.

If convicted, Russell faces a maximum of twenty years in federal prison, without parole, for bank robbery and for each count of attempted robbery and a maximum of life for carrying a firearm during a bank robbery. Russell was charged by criminal complaint on April 9, 2004, and made his initial appearance in U.S. District Court the same day. Russell has been detained. The case was investigated by the Wichita Police Department and the FBI.

- **Gladys M. Madison**, 60, Wichita, Kansas, is charged with one count embezzlement from Intrust Bank of Wichita and three counts of making false entries into the books, reports and statements of Intrust Bank.

The indictment alleges that from 2000 through February 27, 2004, Madison, while an employee of Intrust Bank of Wichita, Kansas, embezzled approximately \$101,005.75 by taking money from the bank's vaults to use for her personal benefit. The indictment further alleges that from November 7, 2003, through November 25, 2003, Madison made false entries in the books, reports and statements of Intrust Bank.

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If convicted, Madison faces a maximum of thirty years in federal prison, without parole, for embezzlement and a maximum of five years for each count of making false entries. The case was investigated by the FBI.

- **Pedro Rodriguez-Martinez**, 24, Mexico, found in Salina, Kansas, currently in custody, not a citizen or national of the United States, is charged with one count of making a false statement in an application for a United States passport by applying in the name of another, a United States citizen, on October 17, 2003; one count of possessing Social Security identification cards that were stolen or produced without lawful authority on April 22, 2004; and one count of illegally entering the United States and being found in Salina, Kansas, on April 22, 2004.

If convicted, Rodriguez-Martinez faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole, for making a false statement on a passport application; a maximum of fifteen years for possessing stolen or unlawfully produced Social Security identification cards; and a maximum of six months for illegally entering the United States. The case was investigated by the U.S. State Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Custom Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

- **Alfredo Gandara-Bailon**, 30, Mexico, found in Wichita, Kansas, currently in custody, is charged with one count of illegal re-entry into the United States after having previously been deported. The indictment alleges that Gandara-Bailon was found in Wichita, Kansas, on April 21, 2004. Gandara-Bailon is also charged with one count of possessing stolen or unlawfully produced Social Security identification cards on April 21, 2004; and one count of making a false statement in an application for a United States passport by applying in the name of another, a United States citizen, on December 11, 2003.

If convicted, Gandara-Bailon faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison, without parole, on each count of illegal re-entry after deportation and making a false statement in a passport application and a maximum of fifteen years for possessing stolen or unlawfully produced Social Security identification cards. The case was investigated by the U.S. State Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Custom Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

- **Gregory M. Shoemake**, 41, and **Laura D. Norris-Terhune**, 30, addresses unknown, both currently in custody, are each charged with two counts of possessing numerous checks belonging to others that had been stolen from mail boxes on April 29, 2003, and May 8, 2003, in Sedgwick, Cowley, and Butler Counties.

If convicted, each face a maximum of five years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger.

- **Leann Eileen Turner**, 20, Wichita, Kansas, is charged with one count of executing a scheme to obtain money under the control and custody of Boeing Wichita Credit Union in Wichita, Kansas, from October 4, 2003, through October 29, 2003, by obtaining access to the checking and money market accounts of another customer of Boeing Wichita Credit Union. The indictment alleges that Turner transferred money between accounts, obtained checks for the checking account, and signed another's signature on these checks.

If convicted, Turner faces a maximum of thirty years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Treaster.

- **Mary Ledesma**, 50, Great Bend, Kansas, is charged with one count of Social Security fraud between February 2001 through March 2003.

The indictment alleges that Ledesma applied in November 2000 for Social Security benefits for her two children and this application for benefits was denied because the father of the two children resided in the household and had income which disqualified the two children from receiving Social Security benefits. The indictment further alleges that in February 2001, Ledesma signed and filed requests for reconsideration of eligibility with the Social Security Administration stating that her husband had moved out of the household on December 31, 2000. The indictment alleges that based upon these representations, the two children were determined to be eligible for Social Security benefits and from February 2001 through March 2003 received monthly benefit payments with Ledesma appointed their representative payee. The indictment further alleges that in January 2001, her husband moved back into the household with Ledesma and her two children. The indictment alleges that Ledesma concealed and failed to disclose that her husband had rejoined the household to fraudulently receive Social Security benefit payments.

If convicted, Ledesma faces a minimum of five years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.